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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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TITLE OF INVENTION

CHARACTER-RECOGNITION PRE-PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2. [X] This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- 3. [ ] The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
- 4. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. [] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. [X] has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. [] is not required; as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 5. [X] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- 6. [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. [] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. [] have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- 7. [] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 8. [] An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 9. [] A translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 10-15 below concern document(s) or information included:

- 10. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 11.[] An assignment document for recording.

Please mail the recorded assignment document to:

- a. [] the person whose signature, name & address appears at the bottom of this document.
- b. [] the following:
- 12. [X] A preliminary amendment.
- 13. [] A substitute specification
- 14. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 15.[] Other items or information:

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- a. [X] A check in the amount of \$1,260.00\$ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 19-3935 in the Amount of \$\\$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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